Subsidy for the export of drugs and Chemicals

@2868. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to reintroduce cash assistance for the export of several bulk drugs and chemicals;

(b) if so, whether the move is to give boost to the export of these products in the context of their excess production;

(c) if so, whether Government had discontinued cash assistance for the export of 47 bulk drugs earlier on the ground that there was no excess production for export;

(d) whether Government have communicated that the production of many of these 47 drugs is more than their requirements now;

(e) whether Government had also withdrawn the cash assistance on four items and reduced the assistance on 16 items; and

(f) if so, what were the main reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) Cash Compensatory Support on export of various commodities is reviewed from time to time, keeping in view the various disadvantages suffered by the exporters in making their products competitive abroad. Factors like capacity utilisation and increased exports are also taken into consideration.

(c) and (d) 47 items of bulk drugs are at present not eligible for Cash Compensatory Support on account of various factors, including production and domestic consumption. This list is reviewed from time to time.

(e) and (f) Cash Compensatory Support has been withdrawn or reduced on a number of items from time to time, depending upon merits, after taking into consideration various factors including the extent of disadvantages suffered in each case.

Stagnation in Indian Economic Service

2869. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 11th August, 1985 regarding stagnation in the Indian Economic Service;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what remedial measures Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) and (c) The Cadre Controlling Authority is conscious of the necessity to improve the promotion opportunities for IES Officers. In order to bring about better promotion prospects for IES Officers, a cadre review has been taken up. This is being examined in consultation with different Ministries and Departments and is expected to be finalised shortly. The Fourth Pay Commission is also seized of the matter and it is hoped that they would make suitable recommendations. Unfortunately no promotions have taken place for nearly two years due to a Stay Order passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Equal Pay for equal work for Women

2870. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to

@Previously Unstarred Question 2219, transferred from the 9th December, 1985.

bring forward legislation for ensuring equal pay for equal work, especially for women;

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) The Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 already provides for the payment of equal remuneration to men and women workers for performing the same work or work of a similar nature.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

News-item captioned "Steps to promote Exports"

2871. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Steps to Promote Exports" which appeared in the Patriot of the 17th September, 1985; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) The Government have seen the news item captioned "Steps to promote Exports" which appeared in the Patriot of 17th September, 1985. On its part, the Government is making continuous efforts to increase India's exports. These include measures for increasing and diversifying the production, making our exports more competitive, finding new markets for our products and processing commodities for higher value realisation. The current Import-Export Policy has been formulated to give a major thrust to exports.

Grant of Loans for Commercial Vehicles

2872. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the public sector financial institutions which are providing loan to general public for purchase of commercial vehicles like matador etc. under self employment scheme in the Union Territory of Delhi;

(b) what is the number of applications pending in various Banks/LIC in Delhi since June, 1985 and the reasons for not granting such loans;

(c) what are the rules and guidelines for providing such loans to the public; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Central Bank of India, New Delhi stopped giving loans for the purchase of commercial vehicles etc., if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to the scheme for providing self-employment to the educated unemployed youths which was introduced in the year 1983. The Self-employment Scheme extends to all areas of the country excepting cities with more than one million population as per 1981 census. Since Delhi is a city having more than one million population, it was not covered under the Scheme. The Self-employment Scheme is implemented by the commercial banks only and not Life Insurance Corporation (LIC). At the maximum amount of loan under the Scheme is Rs. 25,000/- it would not be sufficient to meet the cost of the commercial vehicles.

(d) Central Bank of India has reported that the bank has not stopped giving loans for commercial vehicles etc. However, all proposals for advances to transport operators are being forwarded to the Central Office of the bank for sanction as per the latest instructions of the bank.